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Reduced holiday gate operations

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area and the Wise Road Gate (Route 755) in the Edgewood Area will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day. Both gates will reopen Friday, Nov. 12. The Maryland Boulevard Gate (Route 715) in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area remain open 24 hours a day.

Swab your cheek to save a life

Visit Kirk US Army Health Clinic Nov. 17, 1 to 4 p.m., to participate in a DoD Bone Marrow Registry drive, open to anyone in good health between ages 18 and 60. An information presentation will be offer hourly, followed by instructions and assistance in the donation process. For more information call Ann Laughton, 410-278-1774

Kirk closes for **Veterans Day**

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic (KUSAHC) will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. For medical services needed after hours or federal holidays, contact Staff Duty at 410-278-1725 or 443-807-0725. The Staff Duty Officer will coordinate your care with the Referral Management Office. To avoid Point of Service copayment charges, you will need an authorization and/or a referral to go to any urgency clinic. Emergency Rooms do not require a referral. KUSAHC will reopen Nov. 12.

Ordnance Museum grounds closed

The APG Ordnance Museum grounds and access points will be closed to the public Nov. 1 through 21 while artifacts are moved from APG to Fort Lee, Va. For more information call Museum Director Chris Semancik, 410-278-2396.

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ATEC flag comes to A

Story by **MIKE CAST**

A ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground Oct. 28 marked the transfer of responsibility for leading the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) from Dr. James Streilein to Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco. Streilein, who assumed leadership of ATEC from Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau when he retired March 19, 2009, takes on a new assignment within the Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, at the Pentagon. Dellarocco served as the program executive officer, Missiles and Space, at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., before assuming command of ATEC.

Streilein said he was proud of ATEC's workforce for a variety of reasons, including its excellent reputation across the Army. Teamwork throughout the command – not his work as executive director – is the basis for that reputation, he said.

"I never had to worry about the ATEC team when I was its executive director," Streilein observed. "You just have to give them the support and the resources, and then let them do it. It's a



Photo by SEAN KIEF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER

Lt. Gen. William Troy (right), director of the Army staff and host of the ceremony, passes the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command colors to Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, who assumes command of ATEC when Dr. James Streilein departs for an assignment in the Pentagon.

great organization. We've got great workers running the ranges and running the tests. I'm really proud of the work we've done on body armor, the work with unmanned aerial systems . . . all

the work done on rapid-acquisition systems. I've been involved in discussions with senior Army leaders about the outcomes of these."

Streilein said he was glad to

see initiatives under his tenure that are bringing Army evaluators and operational and developmental testers closer together as a single collaborative team.

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Aberdeen AUSA chapter receives 23 awards during annual convention

YVONNE JOHNSON

For the second consecutive year, the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army was awarded top regional honors, garnering 23 first-place awards, two runner-up awards and an honorable mention during the AUSA 2010 Annual Meeting and Exposition held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. Oct. 25 through 27.

Army leaders on hand during the event,

which drew more than 30,000 attendees, included Secretary of the Army John McHugh; Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army Chief of Staff; and Army Sgt. Maj. Kenneth O. Preston.

Aberdeen Proving Ground leaders in attendance included Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin; Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades.

Aberdeen AUSA chapter president, Mary Jane Jernigan accepted the awards on behalf of the chapter. She said that each chapter reports its activities to AUSA National which grades their efforts based on National criteria of the elements of a successful chapter. The highest grades receive annual awards for activities conducted from July 2009 to June 2010.

National views this system as a recipe for a good Chapter," Jernigan said. "If you follow their objectives and do not focus on See AUSA, page 7

Editorial: Sacrificing a tree for long term gain

COL. ORLANDO ORTIZ Garrison Commander

Recently some members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community voiced their concern about the impending loss of a large oak tree on a part of APG scheduled for development. APG has a history of working with the community to be good stewards of the beautiful piece of Maryland we have been entrusted with to accomplish our missions. We learned long ago that partnering with on-post and offpost communities before we make decisions leads not only to better relations, but to better decisions.

For example, in this instance we submitted the plans we had developed for public and regulatory scrutiny. The State and Federal guidelines we had to follow are designed to ensure environmental and other requirements are addressed. As part of that process we held five public meetings so the community could hear the plans and voice oak tree was not raised during defense contractors by building laboratory space, stores and restaurants. this process.

Once the issue was raised, staff members and leaders from APG met with our partners in the Enhanced Use Lease, St. John Properties. We discussed ways to save the tree. Unfortunately, development is not a two-dimensional process in which it's possible to move landmarks and facilities around to avoid each other. It's a complicated three-dimensional process that must take into account elevation, changes in grades, utilities, constraints because of wetlands areas, the management of storm water run-off, and other factors. An oak tree of this size has a root system so large that saving it was not feasible. It simply impacted on too many other parts of the equation.

Both APG and St. John Properties would like to be able to save the tree. It adds beauty and history to the area, and it would obviously make



Photo by DEIDRE DEROIA, APG GARRISON During Monday's quarterly town hall meeting APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz explains to Garrison employees why a 250-year-old oak tree must be removed from the Enhanced Use Lease development area. The plan developed between APG and St. John Properties balanced envitheir concerns. The loss of the ronmental and cultural heritage with the goal to support the missions and

> people happy. But part of achieving the kind of balance we need at APG is knowing when a sacrifice has to be made.

While this tree will be missed, APG will remain an environmental showcase. We have increased the number of acres covered by forest from 3,000 to 17,000 since 1917. We have found four more trees that are more than 60 inches in diameter in the last two weeks alone. We spent more than \$250,000 on forest management in Fiscal Year 2010 and in the last two weeks have embarked on a thorough review of our forest management so we can develop a long-term plan. Add to that one of the largest thriving eagle populations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and our shoreline stabilization and water purification efforts, and you can see we are serious about being good

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TRAFFIC Aberdeen

Boulevard Closing

On or about Nov. 15, Aberdeen Boulevard will be closed to all traffic between Maryland Boulevard and Rodman Road. This closure will include the museum parking lot. The closure is to allow the moving of the Anzio Annie Rail gun to Fort Lee, Va., and will last several days until the loading of the gun is completed.

For more information, contact Jerry Norris, Directorate of Public Works, 410-306-1159.



Commander's corner



MAJ. GEN. NICK JUSTICE

U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General

During the past four weeks we have talked about defining a better way to do things. Everything that works well is the result of a good plan. The more time you spend thinking about what you're going to accomplish, the better things are going to turn out.

My plan involves following a roadmap we call the 5 P's (People, Places, Purse, Processes and Products). It's a framework to help you consider the important parts of everything you do. So naturally we want to share it with everyone at Aberdeen Proving Ground!

Let's take a step back and look at what we've already talked about. We started with people. This is the first consideration of any leader in any organization. People first; mission always. Then we have places. We set the stage by shaping the conditions for our success. We do this by building the facilities we need to accomplish our mission. The purse is important because it allows us to take care of our people, build our places and then put in motion the rest of the plan. Last week, we talked about processes and the need to always seek improvement and efficiencies. The final piece of the puzzle is the output. What are our products?

At the Research, Development and Engineering Command we define products as delivering timely, innovative, integrated solutions to modernize and sus-



tain a dominant Army.

Of course the products of your organization may vary. You may provide first-class medical services if

you're with Kirk Health Clinic. Or, you may deliver much needed test results on an advanced piece of equipment if you're with the Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Regardless of your role here at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Soldier, civilian employee or contractor, there will always be a result as evidence of your efforts. If there is none, you may want to refocus your efforts.

This is where we have to look at our common goal. We support the Warfighter. We all share a desire to make our Soldiers stronger, less burdened, safer, more effective and efficient. With our eye on this target it begins to shape how we approach every mission, large or small.

I suggest if we focus on the sacrifices our men and women in uniform are making every night and day, it would bring a new perspective to what you bring to the equation.

Simply put, we are defined by what we accomplish. Whether it is a service provided, or a physical object we had a part in producing. It is a measure of success.

By combining our efforts toward a common goal, the amount of that success grows. Together, we make a bigger impact. We deliver a product that contributes to the overall success of the Army.

Next week we're going to talk about the glue that keeps the 5 P's together: Partnership. Army Strong!

November: Military Family Appreciation Month

Story by **NEAL SNYDER**

November marks the return of Military Family Appreciation Month. Throughout November, the Army, the Department of Defense and the nation will honor the commitment and sacrifices made by the Families of the nation's service members.

More Soldiers have Families today than at any other time in history. According to the latest report by the Office of Army Demographics (2009), 58 percent of Soldiers are married, and another 6.7 percent are single with children. The Army counted more than 850,000 Family members.

These Families, already used to a life of deployment and separation, are seeing the effects of more than nine years of persistent conflict.

"Never before in the history of our Army have we asked so much of our Families," said Gen. George W. Casey Jr., chief of staff of the Army, recently. "They are serving side-by-side with our Soldiers, enduring their hardships, providing the unconditional love and support that truly makes our Army strong."

Throughout November, Army Families will be recognized and honored in a variety of ways. Installations are planning special Family events, from observance ceremonies to "Family Fun Nights."

Community leaders, businesses, and garrisons are teaming up to recognize Army Families through special events including open houses at Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Army Community Service Center, fun runs, Family Fun Nights, community dinners and sporting-event nights.

MWR facilities, local businesses, the Defense Commissary Agency and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service are commitment
strength

resilience

Army Families

We Honor your Faithful Commitment, Strength and Resilience

planning discounts and other specials.

This year's theme is "Army Families - We Honor Your Faithful Commitment, Strength and Resilience."

"In order to be effective, we have to make sure we are taking care of those things that the Soldier truly cares about," said Secretary of the Army John McHugh at the recent meeting of the Association of the United States Army.

As he visits deployed units, "One of the first things every Soldier brings up is how much they care about, how concerned they are for the welfare of those loved ones they left behind," McHugh said. "The last thing we want Soldiers to be worried about is whether or not their Families are being taken care of."

The Army Family Covenant represents the Army's promise to provide Soldiers and their Families a quality of life commensurate to their sacrifice to the nation, according to Maj. Gen. Reuben D. Jones, commander of the U.S. Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

"We believe that if we take care of our Families, our Soldiers will do what our nation asks them," Jones told the AUSA audience.

The Covenant is built upon five core commitments from Army leadership:

- Standardize and fully fund Family programs and services
- Increase accessibility and quality of nealth care
- Improve Soldier and Family housing
- Ensure excellence in child, youth and school services
- Expand education and employment opportunities for Family members
 And even in tight economic times, the

And even in tight economic times, the Army "is not going to walk away from fully funding the Army Family Covenant," said Lt. Gen Rick Lynch, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

"I am dedicated to deliver on the Army leadership's promise to continue to provide the best care and quality of life possible to Soldiers and their Families. Our commitment to delivering the Army Family Covenant is non-negotiable. We will not depart from this commitment," Lynch wrote in the fall issue of the Journal of Installation Management.

First Lady Michelle Obama expressed her gratitude to military Families in a July 4 message. "Military families are proud, patriotic Americans. They are some of the most selfless people that I've met. I want to thank those families for their dedication and sacrifice and service." she said.

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with Family." -- Author Anthony Brandt

Find Military Family Appreciation Month posters and other marketing materials from the FMWRC marketing division at **www.mwrbrandcentral.com**. For more information, visit IMCOM at **www.imcom.army.mil/hq**.

ATEC

From front page

"One of the things that has really been heartening to me are initiatives to integrate our work between the developmental, operational and evaluation people," he said. "We've been working that hard, and I'm sure that work is going to continue under (Major) General Dellarocco."

Streilein, who earned a doctorate degree in mathematics from Pennsylvania State University and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University, spent 23 years with the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA). He completed the Army Logistics and Acquisition Management Program in 1990, became a member of the Senior Executive Service in 1991 and became certified as a

test-and-evaluation member of the Army Acquisition Corps in 1994.

Streilein entered the Senior Executive Service when he was selected to become the chief of the AMSAA division that focuses on the reliability and maintainability of military systems. In a 1996 reorganization of Army test and evaluation, he was selected to be the first director of the former Operational Test Command's Evaluation Analysis Center. When ATEC was created in September 1999, Streilein became the first director of the newly formed Army Evaluation Center (AEC). He became the technical director and deputy to the ATEC com-

mander in January 2007.

A long-time, active member of the International Test and Evaluation Association (ITEA), Streilein earned ITEA's lifetime achievement award this year, and in 2005 he earned the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.

Each year, the President recognizes and celebrates a small group of career senior executives and senior career employees with this prestigious award. Recipients are "strong leaders, professionals and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service."

Streilein's successor took up this theme during his remarks at the ceremony.

"That's a tough competition," Dellarocco said of the Presidential Rank Award. "You get selected by being the best of the best. Doctor Streilein is that."

Dellarocco said ATEC's movement from its headquarters in Alexandria, Va., to its new headquarters at APG portends well for the future of the command if it is willing to embrace change.

"We are at a very interesting time in the history of this organization," he said. "We are now at Aberdeen. This is where the flag is, and this is where our headquarters is. We have an opportunity for transformation and change, and we have to take advantage of it – for the U.S. Army, for our nation, for the Department of Defense and for our organization. That means we've got to take a look at our organizations and its processes, not only here at Aberdeen but at each one of the centers down range."

The goal of this self-analysis should be even better support for Soldiers, he added.

Dellarocco served as the deputy commanding general responsible for system-of-systems integration at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, at Fort Belvoir, Va. There, he was responsible for ensuring that war-fighting technologies got into the hands of Soldiers as quickly as possible while integrating research, development and engineering across the Army, including Army laboratories and centers that conduct this mission.

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Candlelight vigil closes Domestic Abuse month

Story and photo by

YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

A solemn gathering in remembrance of the victims of domestic violence closed out the month-long observance of Domestic Abuse Prevention Month during a candlelight vigil at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Oct. 26.

Aida Rivera, of the Army Community Service Family Advocacy hosted the program that included remarks from Annette Sanders, a support coordinator who recently started the installation Survivor Outreach Program, and from Luisa Caizzo-Nutter of the Sexual Abuse/Spouse Abuse Resource Center of Harford County. Sanders shared a riveting story of her struggle to free herself from an abusive spouse and Caizzo-Nutter talked about SARC resources and services for women in Harford County as well as around the nation.

Attendees received battery-operated candles, which they turned on during the remembrance ceremony that featured volunteers presenting white carnations as Rivera read the names of Maryland victims of domestic violence over the past year.

"The message we send today is that we all are committed to making sure that we spread the message of domestic violence prevention," Rivera said.

Chaplain (Col.) Wayne Boyd delivered the opening prayer for the service and Mike Cashman, of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, sang "You Raise Me Up."

Remembrance readings for domestic violence victims were "I Got Flowers Today," read by Stacie Beard and "I Am No Longer A Victim" by Kimberly Williams.



Army Community Service volunteer Natascha Duvall, left, and Stacie Beard, a prevention specialist with SARC, Inc., right, place white carnations in a basket during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month candlelight vigil at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Oct. 27.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Danny Lynn O'Hern right, looks at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month display by Aida Rivera, left and Kimberly Williams, center, of the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program at the Main PX Oct. 23. Rivera said several patrons stopped to look at the display which included pamphlets on the Army Victim Advocacy Program, Domestic Abuse Reporting Options, and local resources. For more information, contact the FAP at 410-278-7478/2435 or e-mail aida.rivera@us.army.mil.

Health Notes

FEHB Health Fairs

FEHB, FEDVIP open seasons run through Dec. 13. Health Fairs are scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 16 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18, at the Edgewood Recreation Center, building E4140. Plan representatives will be available to answer questions and provide 2011 health plan materials.

During the annual Open Season, employees can take the actions listed below for the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS), Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB).

- Enroll in a flexible spending account a health care and/or dependent care account, under the FSAFEDS Program. Unlike with other programs, employees MUST reenroll in FSAFEDS each year to participate. Enrollments DO NOT carry over year to year.
- Enroll in, change, or cancel an existing enrollment in a dental plan under the FEDVIP Program.
- Enroll in, change, or cancel an existing enrollment in a vision plan under the FEDVIP Program.
- Enroll in, change, or cancel an existing enrollment in a health plan under the FEHB Program.

Community Notes

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 11 COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOP -THE FIRST 48

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will hold a free College Prep workshop "The First 48: Preparing Your Students for College from 9th - 12th Grade," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Rooted Bible Fellowship Church, 1605 Waltman Rd, Edgewood. No registration required. College scholarship applications will be available from various organizations. The workshop presenter will be Dr. Nicki Washington.

For more information, call college workshop chairperson, 443-528-4103.

VETERANS DAY CONCERT

The U.S. Naval Academy Band will perform a free Veterans Day Concert, 7 p.m. at the Chesapeake Arts Center Hammond's Lane Theatre, located on 194 Hammond's Lane, Brooklyn Park, Md. This event requires no ticket and is open to the public.

For more information call 410-636-6597 or visit www.chesapeakearts.org.

APPLEBEE'S SALUTES THE MILITARY

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar restaurants invite all active duty and veterans to eat free. Applebee's Veteran's Day menu will offer signature and favorite items including a seven ounce sirloin, bacon cheeseburger, three cheese chicken penne, chicken tenders platter, zesty Fiesta Lime Chicken®, or double crunch shrimp. All the traditional sides are also included. Veterans and active duty military will need to provide proof of service which includes U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD 214, citation or commendation. Offer is valid for dine-in only. Upgraded side items or extras, beverages, desserts and gratuity are not included. Guests are encouraged to say thanks to veterans and active duty personnel on Applebee's "virtual wall of honor" at www.facebook.com/ applebees or www.applebees.com.

RECRUITMILITARY **OPPORTUNITY EXPO**

RecruitMilitary Opportunity Expo is a free employment, entrepreneurship, and educational opportunity event for veterans and personnel who are tran-

sitioning from active duty, Reserves, Guard, and military spouses. Presented by RecruitMilitary in cooperation with The American Legion, Purple Heart Services, and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network, or MSCCN, it will be held at the Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pa., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to register as a job-seeker, visit www. recruitmilitary.com.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 12 CECIL COUNTY LIBRARY INVITES FAMILIES

The Cecil County Public Library invites APG Familes to the launch of a new collection of resources for military Families, 11 a.m., at the Perryville Branch at 500 Coudon Boulevard, Perryville. Refreshments will be served and all APG staff and their families are invited. For more information, call Morgan Miller, branch manager, 410-996-6070 ext. 3110. or email mmiller@ccplnet.org. Visit CCPL at www.cecil.ebranch.info.

FRIDAY FAMILY CAMPFIRE -**SUPPER ON A STICK**

Come to the Pontoon Pier property for food and seasonal fun around the campfire. This program will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per Family (limit 5 per Family) and registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 13 FREE MOVIE - THE PRINCE OF **EGYPT**

Fairview AME Church, Located at 2328 High Point Road, Forest Hill, Md. will have a free showing of the film The Prince of Egypt, 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Prince of Egypt follows the life of Moses from his birth, through his childhood as a prince of Egypt, and finally to his ultimate destiny to lead the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt, which is based on the Biblical story of Exodus. Refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 410-676-7210.

BLUEGRASS/GOSPEL CONCERT AND HAM DINNER

Christ Episcopal Church, located at 2100 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill,

Md., will hold a Bluegrass Concert adult. Registration is required. and Ham dinner fundraiser, 4 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The popular Carroll County Ramblers will perform. Tickets cost \$20 per adult; 35 per couple; \$18 each senior; and \$10 for children ages 5 to 12. Proceeds benefit Christ Church Outreach Ministries. For more information, call 410-838-6606.

WHITETAILED DEER SURVEY

Come help determine if the deer population of Leight Park is a healthy size. Conduct pellet (deer scat) counts out on the trails to determine how many deer call the Park home. This program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 16 to adult. The program is free but registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. No registration is required. For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

INVASINATORS

Become a part of the volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to the ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for field work in the Reserve each meeting date. Participants receive an Invasinators t-shirt after attending two work days.

12 to 2 p.m. for ages 14 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

PREDATORS AND PREY

Discover the close relationship between animals that hunt and the ones that are hunted. Learn about animal adaptations that allow some to become better hunters and others to avoid getting eaten. Examine predators and prey that live around the Estuary Center and in the Chesapeake Bay. This free program will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for ages 8 through

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SEASON FINALE

Treasure the beauty of the creek as the sun sets on this final canoe trip of the year. This program will be held 2:30 to 5 p.m. for ages 8 through adult. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

"CELEBRATE WOMEN **VETERANS" EVENT**

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Prince Georges County will host a "Celebrate Women Veterans" event honoring women who have served in the nation's armed forces, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at VFW Post 9619, 6527 Suitland Road, Morningside, Md. Network with fellow service members and veterans; discuss women veteran issues, initiatives, legislature, health and employment resources and more.

Guest speakers are retired U.S. Public Health Service Capt. Jane McCarthy, a Vietnam veteran and renowned anesthetist and retired Command Sqt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett, former senior enlisted advisor, Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan, and the Army's longest serving female Soldier.

Registration is required online at www.joinsheserves.org/maryland.

For more information call 443-722-2164 or e-mail sharon_snead@yahoo. com or dperrycpa@yahoo.com.

BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Basket and Purse Bingo will be held at the American Legion, 44 North Parke Street, Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the graduating class of Physical Therapy for 2012 from the University of Maryland. Tickets cost \$12 per person; extra packs cost \$5 each. Bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for a bonus prize ticket. Food and drinks will be

For more information, call Diana Jackson, 410-273-5057 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army. mil under Community Notes.)

ACS hosts parenting class

Parenting children ages 6-12 is a tough job. Why do it alone? The ACS Family Advocacy Program is offering 'Parenting Ages 6 - 12' classes Thursdays, Nov. 11, 18 and Dec. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ACS Center, building 2503, Highpoint Road. Call 410-278-7478 for more information and to

Edgewood Area kicks off holiday season with food, toy and gift drive

The Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground has kicked off the 2010 holiday season with its 23rd Annual Food, Toy and Gift Drive. From Nov. 8 to Dec 7, volunteers will collect donations from 30 locations across the area and workforce members are encouraged to support this charitable event with generous donations of new toys and gifts for all ages, as well as non-perishable food

Collected items will be donated to the Mason Dixon Community Services, an organization that provides emergency food and energy assistance to lowincome residents in Harford County, and to Extreme Family Outreach, an organization that provides after school and summer programs for elementary- and middle school-aged youth in Edgewood, Joppatowne, and Havre de Grace.

Goods will be delivered after the Food, Toy and Gift Drive closing ceremony at the ECBC Berger Auditorium Dec. 7. Army Community Service, Mason Dixon Community Services, and Extreme Family Outreach will ensure the delivery of donations to families in need.

For more information, contact Beth Hirsh of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at 410-436-5185.

Freedom Award nomination season begins

The nomination season for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award has begun. Guard and Reserve service members and their Families are encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of military employees above federal law requirements. Nominations are being accepted at www. freedomaward.mil through Jan. 17.

The 2011 Freedom Award recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in Washington, D.C. during the 16th Annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony Sept. 22.

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Almost one-half of the U.S. military is comprised of Guard and Reserve. The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community.

For more information about the nomination process, visit www.freedom award.mil or call Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at 703-696-1717 or by email at ESGR-PA@osd.mil.

BJ's membership sale

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor BJ's discount membership registration, Nov. 16 at the Southside Grill located in the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18 in the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, Aberdeen Area. These are the last dates to sign up before the holiday season.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

Celebrate Native American heritage

The annual Native American Heritage observance will be celebrated 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Gajdys. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1st Class LaQuita Wimbley, 410-306-2053; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

Registration opens for UMUC classes at APG

Register now for Spring 2011 University of Maryland University College classes at APG.

BEHS 364 Alcohol in U.S. Society (3 credits), Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 24 through March 9, Online Hybrid Class

IFSM 304 Ethics in the Information Age (3 credits), Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., March 15

Chapel News

Chapel Holiday Food Vouchers

The Chapel will accept offerings for Aberdeen Area Chapel Services the APG Holiday Food Voucher Program Sunday, Nov. 14. One hundred percent of ALL donations will go into the hands of Soldiers and Families who are having financial difficulties. The Chapel assists Soldiers throughout the entire year when there is a need, so excess donations will be used throughout the year. All employees are invited to attend particularly as an opportunity to give to this worthy cause.

Noon, Gospel **Edgewood Area Chapel Services**

9:15 a.m., Protestant 10:45 a.m., Catholic

8:45 a.m., Catholic

10:15 a.m., Protestant

For more information or if anyone would like to donate outside of these services, call Chaplain (Col.) Wayne Boyd, 410-278-4593.

through May 15, Online Hybrid Class

Additional classes are available through distance education formats.

For more information or to register, visit the Aberdeen Proving Ground office of UMUC, building 4305, room 210, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-306-2048 or visit www.umuc.edu.

Spiritual Mission

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Catholic Ministry will sponsor a two-day "spiritual mission" Nov. 22 through 23. Friar Simeon Gallagher, director of Preaching Ministry Office of the Mid America Province of the Capuchin Order will present a series of topics including "Stories of Escape: Freedom from Self," "Escape from False Values and Religious Adolescence" and "Love Stories: The Freedom Only Christ Can Give." For more information call Gerri Merkel, religious education director, 410-278-2516.

Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal, Nov. 25.

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 25.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of \$7 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests. The holiday discount meal rate of \$5.95 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes hearty turkey and wild rice soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey with gravy, baked ham with raisin sauce, carved to order beef top round, cornbread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, green beans almondine, assorted salad bar, fruit salad, cucumber salad, Waldorf salad, cranberry sauce, assorted breads, buttered hot rolls, bread sticks, assorted traditional pies, assorted fresh fruits, hard candies and mixed nuts, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, egg nog and assorted beverages. Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-278-3142 or 3892.

New way to dial on-post numbers

Dialing on-post numbers has changed. Instead of dialing the prefixes 3, 4, 5 or 6 plus the 4-digit extension, APG employees must dial the 3-digit prefix plus the 4-digit extension. This is the second part of a dialing plan introduced to the installation in May when the DSN prefix changed from 8 to 9-4 and the commercial prefix changed from 9 to 9-9. APG employees are asked to change publications and Web pages to reflect the new 7-digit number. Also, change any pre-programmed speed dial numbers to the 7-digit number. For more information call Allan Herlinger, 410-278-3367.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

A war cannot be stopped because of the weather

FLOYD HERTWECK
U.S. Army CECOM LCMC at APG

This year marks the 140th anniversary of the U.S. Army Signal Corps' establishment of a number of weather monitoring stations mandated by a U.S. House of Representatives Resolution made in 1869. The government's interest in weather would continue to grow, eventually giving way to meteorological training and meteorological research by the Signal Corps predecessors of Team C4ISR and the formation of the National Weather Service (NWS).

A 1960s technical report by the Signal Corps Laboratory details the importance of meteorological research to the Army. The report asks "why bother with weather research? A war can't be stopped anyway because of rain, snow, or sunshine." The report goes on the explain research at the time to enhance the understanding of weather and its effects on communication, military equipment, and weapons.

According to a news article "Looking Back: Weather before Army Air Corps Weather Service" at http://www.afweather.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123030931, as compiled by U.S. Air Force weather service, the Army's interest in the weather actually dates to the early 1800s, when Army Surgeons recorded weather observations. After the Civil War, this activity would become a major program for the Signal Corps.

The House of Representatives Resolution, in 1869, charged the Army with the responsibility for tracking weather. This resolution "authorized and required" the Secretary of War "to provide for taking meteorological observations." Weather observations would be taken at military installations located in the interior regions, coastal areas, and around the Great Lakes. The resolution also required giving notice of weather, using "magnetic



Historical photographs provided by CECOM LCMC

Soldier using weather instruments (no date).

telegraph and marine signals" to warn of the approach and the force of storms.

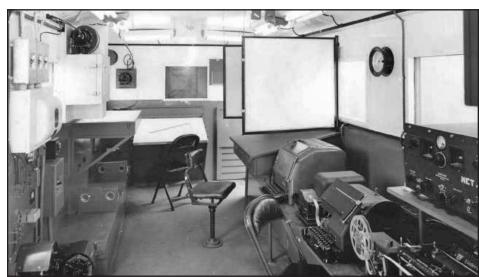
The Signal Corps gained the responsibility in part because of its telegraph service. Albert James Myer, founder of the Signal Corps, gave the program the name "The Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce," highlighting the importance of meteorological observations to commerce.

There were twenty-four weather stations by the fall of 1870 because of the approaching hurricane season. These stations were mostly located in the eastern U.S. Stations gathered observations at least three times daily, and sent them by telegraph to Washington, D.C. By 1872, there were over 65 stations; by 1875, there were over 275. In its annual report, the Signal Corps reported data and weather observations, thus beginning the records of weather maintained by the NWS that are still done to this day.

In time, the Signal Corps expanded its activities to weather forecasting, storm warning, and other forms of weather prediction. The corps was reorganized in 1891, resulting in it being the military branch for weather, and the formation of the "United States Weather Bureau," forerunner to the NWS. The Signal Corps continued to train Signal Corps Officers in weather observation.

Interest in meteorology rose dramatically during World War I. Aviation, modern artillery, and the use of chemical weapons such as chlorine and mustard gas transformed the battlefield, and the Army needed trained weather observers to effectively deploy and defend against these new technologies and weapons. The Corps would train about 500 weathermen by the end of the War.

The Signal Corps Meteorological Service, as it was called, relocated to Fort Monmouth in 1919. Its curriculum included training in meteorology for the enlisted radio specialist. Classes began in 1920. The course provided "Knowledge of elementary mathematics and physics sufficient to enable the student to understand the general principles of meteorology." It also trained observers to operate field stations, to care for and use instruments, to take and record readings, to make simple computations, and to prepare reports and records. In 1937, this



Inside view of mobile meteorological station SCM-1 (1943).

operation transferred to the Air Corps. The Signal Corps would continue to be responsible for the development, procurement and improvement of meteorological equipment. Weather related courses, such as the "Meteorological Observation School" would also continue to be taught at Fort Monmouth.

Weather Related Laboratory Activities

World War I brought aerial warfare and battles over vast areas, and the use of chemical weapons. Laboratory research expanded to address this. Research related to weather measurement and forecasting also expanded to address weather effects on Communications and Electronic equipment. In 1929, a meteorological program from Washington D.C., previously operated by the Signal Corps at McCook Field (now Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH) was moved to Fort Monmouth.

Early research included a 1929 program for radio-equipped weather balloons. This was the first major application of electronics to the study of weather and to determining upper atmospheric conditions. With the formation of the Signal Corps Laboratory in the 1930s, meteorology and the weather received continued emphasis. Examples of this research are discussed below.

During the 1930s, and into World War II, the laboratory was involved in research with automatic surface observation equipment, weather balloon plot-



The Breeze Buster or Weather Gun used to determine wind velocity (1957).

ting equipment, determining balloon ascension rates, hydrogen generators for weather balloons, meteorological maps, forms, charts, and plotting devices, a mobile and transportable meteorological station, pressure measuring equipment, radiosondes, and wind equipment (SCM-20 and AN/GMA-1). Ultimately this research would also support the Army Air Force and Signal Corps operations at Dayton, Ohio.

In 1942, the Dugway Field Section (a Fort Monmouth Laboratory) operated at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, carried out "Project 743A," to determine the effects of weather on droplets of chemical agent released from high altitudes

AFTB graduates five after Level I training cl

YVONNE JOHNSON APG News

Five members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community have become more knowledgeable about the Army community thanks to two days of Army Family Team Building Level I training. The two day class is a Department of the Army training program designed to familiarize individuals and Families with the military community.

Tina Helmick, Army Community Service AFTB Manager, conducted the training along with volunteer subject matter experts. Subjects included Basic Military Benefits and Entitlement; Savings and Investment; Introduction to Family Readiness Groups; Supporting Your Child's Education; Tips for Building Realistic Expectations; Basic Problem Solving; Military Acronyms and Terms; Army Ranks, Insignia and Grades; and Introduction to Military and Civilian Community Resources.

Helmick said training focuses on military and community customs, resources and opportunities to make newcomers more comfortable with and independent in the military environment.

Helmick and ACS director Celestine

Beckett presented awards to the graduates who included Cyvel Dela Cruz, Natascha Duvall, Nancy Goucher, May Lukacs, and Deborah Ropiski. The graduates agreed.

Lukacs, a military spouse new to the community, said she is volunteering at ACS to learn her way around.

"It was very informative," she said of the training. We found a lot of good things to talk about and I met a lot of good people."

"I thought it was great," added Ropiski, the spouse of an APG civilian. "I don't have a military background so for me it was very new." She said.

An ACS volunteer who has been a military spouse for 17years, Duvall said she primarily was surprised to learn about activities open to civilians and contractors.

"I didn't know myself that children of government civilians and contractors can participate in youth activities on post," she said. "I know so many spouses that will be happy to know that."

AFTB also supports the total Army effort in helping those achieve their highest level of personal development.

For more information, call Helmick at 410-278-2453.

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one specific aspect, but be well rounded, then you succeed. You may not win any ribbons, but you succeed as an AUSA

"The Aberdeen AUSA would have done the exact same things because we are here for the Soldier and those who support the Soldier. We can never do enough, but we can try."

The AUSA Aberdeen Chapter received the following awards:

- Best Overall Chapter 2010
- Best General Membership Meeting
- Best Chapter is Support of Reserve Components
- Greatest Percentage Increase in Corporate Membership
- Greatest Corporate Membership
- Most Active in Pursuit of AUSA Objectives
- Best Corporate Member Support
- Army History
- Institute of Land Warfare
- Continuous Membership Support to Recruiting Command
- Excellence in Corporate Membership
- Growth
- Army Birthday Star Chapter
- Take the Hill • President's Club
- ROTC Support
- 3 Special Awardsa
- Merit Chapter



During the 2010 Association of the United States Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 26, AUSA president, retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, far left, and vice president, retired Lt. Gen. Roger G. Thompson Jr., far right, present the 2010 regional Best Overall Chapter banner to, from left, Mary Jane Jernigan, president of the Aberdeen AUSA chapter; Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command; RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Marin; Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades.

- Superior Chapter of Excellence
- Family Programs
- Runner up:
- Best Web site
- Best Chapter Newsletter
- Greatest Percentage Increase in Gov-

ernment Civilian Employee Membership Greatest Government Civilian Employee Membership

Garrison

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stewards of the environment.

We are also serious about being able to support the needs of the organizations on APG as they support America's Army. That's what our partnership with St. John Properties is all about. They will develop an area that includes more than 400 acres at the edge of the installation near the two main gates of the Aberdeen area. This will result in more than two million square feet of office and laboratory space, as well as an area for stores and restaurants.

This development is vital to the many missions that take place on APG. Defense contractors who support our technology missions are building state-of-the-art facilities close to the Army organizations

they support. Like a workforce at any industrial park, the people in these facilities will need places to eat and shop.

We knew from the very beginning that serving the two goals of supporting our organizations and preserving the environment would take careful balancing. APG and St. John Properties developed a plan that took into consideration environmental and cultural heritage, wetlands, streams and ponds, force protection and anti-terrorism issues, wildlife habitat, runoff and spill ponds, as well as financial and business concerns. We did it all with guidance and consultation from the Army Corps of Engineers and Federal and State regulators.

The project features Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified buildings. St. John Properties has not only gone to great lengths to preserve many of the existing trees, it will acre retail and office area. It will also

surviving and thriving.

That's the kind of balance we need to bring together the military and industrial organizations that make things happen on APG. It is not a perfect solution, but we believe it is a balanced solution.

plant nearly 10,000 trees as it reforests 21.5 acres and landscapes the 66improve existing and create new wetlands and buffers, as well as linking forested areas to improve their chances of



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Army's Shades of Green now offers Disney Parks program for military

The Shades of Green — an Armed Forces Recreation Center located on the Walt Disney World Resort — now offers the Disney Parks' "Let the Memories Begin" program for military personnel, providing special offers on theme park tickets and accommodations.

On Shades of Green, now through Sept. 28, 2011, active and retired U.S. military personnel (including active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservists) or their spouses can purchase:

- Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Park Hopper Option for \$138 each, plux tax,
- Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Water Parks Fun and More Option for \$138 each, plus tax, and/or
- Disney 4-Day Military Promotional Tickets with Park Hopper and Water Parks Fun and More Options for \$165 each, plus tax.

In addition, Shades of Green will offer a 3 day, 4 night Veteran's Day room package that includes three breakfast and dinner buffets (double occupancy) during the month of November. Children 9 years old and younger eat free.

Armed Forces Recreation Centers are managed by the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, and offer resort-style accommodations to eligible military patrons and their Families on a sliding scale—making first-class vacations affordable for service members of all ranks. Eligibility requirements apply.

For more information, or to make room reservations, call 407-824-3400. Information is also available online at www.shadesofgreen.org or www. ArmyMWR.com.

Military Family Appreciation Month Programs

As part of Military Family Appreciation Month, Army Community Service will host several programs in November.

Marital Strategies Part I and II

Two Family/Victim Advocacy Programs, lunch box training, will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at ACS building 2503 High Point Road. Marital Strategies Part I will be held Nov. 9; Marital Strategies Part II will be held Nov. 19.

For more information, call Aida Rivera, 410-278-7572/7572.

Trips to New York City cost more

Leisure Travel's eight hour trip to New York City has increased from \$36 to \$39 per person. The trip offers visitors time to sightsee, shop, see a Broadway matinee and more on Nov. 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost includes roundtrip transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot on Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil

Basketball Leagues deadline Nov. 17

Coed Basketball Leagues are open to all eligible MWR patrons 18 years of age and older. The basketball leagues will play by NCAA rules with modified APG bylaws. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 17. A rules meeting will be held 5 p.m., Nov. 29 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Preseason tournament will take place Dec. 6 through 16. Regular season begins Jan. 3. Cost is \$250 per team.

For more information, call the Sports Office, 410-278-3929.

Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk

Run off a few pounds before Thanksgiving Day – The Turkey Trot Fun Run will be held 3 p.m., Nov. 18 at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, building E4140. Entry fees cost \$10 through Nov. 11; \$15 through Nov. 17 and \$20 on race day. Race day registration will open 1:30 p.m. T-shirts will be provided to all paid entries. This event is open to the public. For more information, email apgr-usagmwr-sports@conus.army.mil.

Free dinner and a movie

Celebrate Military Family Month with Army Community Service. ACS will present a free dinner and a movie, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 18, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. "Toy Story 3" will be shown.

This is a free ticketed event. Pick up tickets 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754. This event is open to all service

members, Family members and civilians. For more information, call 410-278-4372/7572.

How to Start Your Small Business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Small Business Administration Baltimore District and Small Business Opportunity Center-Northern Region, will sponsor How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17, in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur, and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the SBDC will also be discussed. Space is limited. This event is open to all DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, Family members and guests.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Program Manager, 410-278-9669/7572.

Scrapbooking crop Nov. 20

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor a Scrapbooking Crop for seasonal scrapbookers or anyone who has always wanted to try it. "Crop Till You Drop" will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Cost of the event is \$25 per person and includes lunch and door prizes. Vendors will have items for sale and optional classes will be offered.

For more information, call Patti Harkins at 410-436-4467 or email patti.harkins@us.army.mil

Daily bus trips to Atlantic City now cost \$29

The cost of the daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino has increased to \$29 per person.

Only for ages 21 and over. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood 9 a.m. and return 9 p.m. Seating is limited and sells quickly. Seats must be purchased at least two weeks in advance.

For more information, contact MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326,410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGRUSAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Holiday Bazaar and Dickens Village

Enjoy shopping at the Holiday Bazaar and "Dickens Village," 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Be entertained by strolling carolers and enjoy the sites of Dickens Village. Vendors will be on hand selling crafts, gift and holiday items, to include homemade baked goods. Admission is Free. Vendor applications are currently being accepted. Stay-at-home moms and local organizations are welcome.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

2010 White House ornament sale

FMWR Leisure Travel Services is selling the latest White House ornaments for \$17, but supplies are limited. The 2010 White House Christmas Ornament is in honor of William McKinley's 25th presidency and celebrates the role of music in the traditions of the White House. Visit www. whitehousehistory.org/ for more information.

For more information or to purchase an ornament, call 410-278-4011/4907, MWR Leisure Travel Services at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

Medieval Times discount tickets available

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md. Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12 years). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, building 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

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SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie. umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Driver's Ed classes run through December

Driver's Education classes are scheduled Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There are no classes on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. at The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Driver's Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Jazz Hip-Hop

Learn age-appropriate dances and hiphop themed routines from popular movies and music including Miley Cyrus, High School Musical, Camp Rock, and more in a fun filled workshop that will have everyone up on their feet and feeling the groove. Cost of the dance class is \$45 per student

Dance classes will be held at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 on Thursdays, through Nov. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 11; or Saturdays, through Nov. 13, 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 10 to 11.

Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes are

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employment/ for additional job opportunities.

5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills.

Unity TKD's Tiny Tiger's program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a one-time purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

The Greatest Race

ooking for a job?

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at http://acpol.army.mil/

employment/naf.htm or check out AAFES Jobs link http://odin.aafes.com/

CYSS SKIES Unlimited and Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) will present the production of "The Tortoise Versus The Hare: The Greatest Race," Dec. 4. Auditions will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Roles are available for students in grades Kindergarten through 12. Approximately 50 to 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT tour actor/director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15 to 30 minutes after the audition. All children wishing to participate must be registered with CYSS. This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

To register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2503, 410-278-7571/7479; for an appointment or for more information email stacie.umbarger1@conus.army. mil or call 410-278-4589.

Private Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 through 18, through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays at the AA

Youth Center, building 2503.

Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want when they register their child.

Volunteer today

Explore a new career, develop new skills, network with other professionals and create opportunities. Army Community Service has many opportunities and needs support for its various programs.

For more information, call Army Community Service, 410-278-2453.

November bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Anyone that bowls a turkey (three strikes in a row) gets that game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, bowl for \$2 per game per person. Shoe rental costs \$1.
- Each Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., children bowl for \$1 per game and pay \$1 for hoe rental.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Nov. 8

Special #1: Open face hot turkey sandwich with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.95.

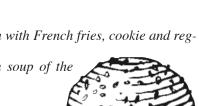
Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese with soup of the day, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

Week of Nov. 15

Special #1: Crab cake sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$9.95.

Special #2: Tuna salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

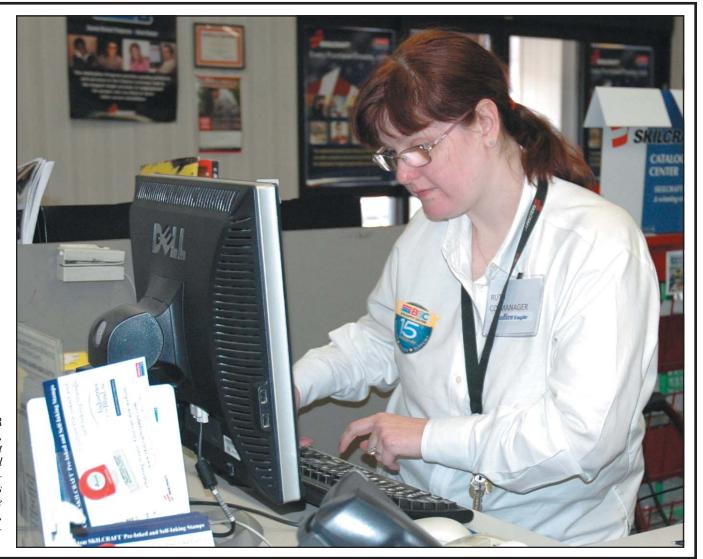
The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.





Office Eagle celebrates **National Disability Employment Awareness** Month

Photo by RACHEL PONDER Ruth Borgmann, a blind Office Eagle associate, enters customer orders in the computer as part of empowerment training. This training was held Oct. 21 in conjunction with the store's celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Three blind or disabled employees from the Aberdeen Area Office Eagle store, Nicole Diseta, Borgmann, and Andre Sconion, served as co-managers for the day.



Resources available for special needs at APG

NANCY GOUCHER

Military life presents some unique challenges. Military Families and Families working for the military relocate a lot. In addition, Military Families experience longer and more frequent deployments since 9/11. When parents deploy, children often face difficult issues, such as transfers in and out of schools, leaving friends and family, while also dealing with emotions regarding their parent's deployment.

Moving is a hard reality of military life. As a result, Families find themselves constantly adjusting their lifestyle to accommodate these changes. Relocating and deployments can put stress on any Family, but having a child with special needs complicates matters even more. The needs of military Families are similar to any other family living with special needs, such as teaching children social skills and supporting and helping them become as independent as possible. However, military Families must find local services and support with each new move. And when a family member is deployed, the parent left behind has to manage all of the parenting duties on their own.

Learning how to navigate the Special Education



system can be difficult for any family, but for military Families whose educational environments are constantly changing, it is an even greater challenge. For any child in a military Family where homes, schools, and neighborhoods frequently change, parents are the constant factor. If a child does not receive an adequate education, the Family will face the consequences for years to come. As Families learn the system and interact with professionals, they must remember that they are the experts on their children and that no one else has a greater knowledge or interest in their children. Parents also need to know that they are not alone. Resources are available to help them navigate community systems and get support they need.

Programs such as the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) assist Families by addressing the Family's special needs. This includes any special medical, mental health, developmental or educational need. The local community is also essential in helping Military Families transition into new communities. Information and insights regarding the best doctors, schools, teachers, grants, camps, recreation programs, etc. are best shared through word of mouth by members of the community who utilize resources for Family members with special needs. The EFMP and local support groups have unified efforts to bring these resources to Aberdeen Proving Ground. EFMP sponsors Special Needs Networking and Support Groups on the third Wednesday of each Month.

For further information, call Nancy Goucher, EFMP, 410-278-2420.

Hallelujah Harvest Celebration offers alternative to trick or treating

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER** APG NEWS

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community were treated to an evening of fall fun at the 12th annual Hallelujah Harvest Celebration at the Main Post Chapel Oct. 31.

Gerri Merkel, director of Religious Education who helped organize the event with the assistance of 36 volunteers from the Protestant, Catholic and Gospel congregations, said that the Hallelujah Harvest is an alternative to Halloween trick or treating.

"The event offers a safe place for Families to bring their children," Merkel

Part of the fun during the event was that participants were asked to dress up in a biblically themed costume.

Installation chaplain (Col.) Wayne Boyd and his wife, Sharon, got creative and dressed as the Dead Sea and the Red Sea by wearing a black C with a skull and a red C decorated with brightly colored stickers on their chests.

Hannah, O'Donnell, who is a leader of the chapel's group Youth Apostles for Christ, said that volunteers in the group came as sheep and she dressed up as a sheppard.

"We do a variety of service projects including helping with chapel events," she said. For more information about Youth Apostles for Christ contact O'Donnell 443-567-3560.

At the event, attendees participated in activities inside the fellowship hall, and outside the chapel.

Some of the activities included face



Tyler Murdock, 3, plays a bean bag toss while Abby O'Donnell, a volunteer, looks on during the annual Ecumenical Hallelujah Harvest celebration held at the Main Post Chapel Oct. 31.

painting, bean bag toss, Bible bingo and a cake walk. Attendees were also treated to a spread of free food that included

popcorn, wings, hot dogs, pizza, vegetables and fruit. Each attendee was also given a glow in the dark cross necklace and bag of candy.

Many guests commented that they enjoyed participating in the event.

Dieann Webb, who brought her two children to the event, said that they wanted to break their tradition of trick or treating and try something different

"We are having a great time participating in the games together," she said. "My children especially enjoyed touring the ambulance and fire truck and talking to the firefighters. My son James wants to be a firefighter when he is older so this activity really sparked his interest."

Su-Ann Murdock, who attended with her two children, said that she was happy to see that there was a fun alternative to trick or treating on APG.

"We have participated in other events like this when we lived at Fort Riley, Kansas," Murdock said. "We don't go trick or treating so it is nice for the children to have a fun activity for the evening."

Merkel said that she appreciates all the support that the APG community gives to the event every year.

"I want to thank the Families who attended, the volunteers who supported the event and the APG Directorate of Emergency Services personnel who brought the ambulance and fire truck for attendees to tour," Merkel said.

Merkel added that she wanted to thank Deneen Henson, from the Gospel congregation, Maj. Steven Simpson, deputy installation chaplain, and Staff Sgt. David Ribar, Sgt. Sonny Cooper and Pfc. Billy Pardue, chaplain assistants, who were instrumental in planning and executing the event.